

Today's News - Tuesday, January 20, 2009

- Our Inauguration Day fever continues (we're taking the rest of the day off to watch the festivities): Kamin and Jones re: the National Mall: Burnham's hand, and "how did the American capital come to have such a grandiosely cinematic and emotive political park in the middle of it?"
- With the economy tanking, it's looking like an "architectural clash of titans" as starchitects battle it out for even small projects (illustration is a hoot!).
- The bad economy bodes well for investment in short term green initiatives.
- Except perhaps for sustainable housing.
- Lewis brings lessons from L.A. home to D.C.: "I may have glimpsed the Washington region's future."
- NYC unveils Coney Island revival plan; not all are pleased; and an eyeeful of community proposals that "are certainly worth checking out."
- Two Vancouver architects want to "transform cities into literal urban jungles."
- The ultimate in recycling: recasting old buildings in new green roles.
- BAM thinks big despite hard times.
- New visitors center on the Blue Ridge Parkway (our favorite place) lands LEED Gold.
- Scottish firm pulls out of Scotland's pavilion at Kolkata Book Fair (alas, Indian firm taking over not named).
- Piano is off to Malta to continue his 20-year saga of City Gate project in Valletta.
- A young architect of the Toronto school proves "what good architecture can do for the city" in a design for "the coolest apartment on the block."
- Campbell cheers Genzyme Center winning the Parker Medal.
- In-depth looks at Gropius influence on school design; and "the other Kahn" (as in Albert): "America's forgotten architect."
- University of Arkansas names School of Architecture after E. Fay Jones.

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[How Chicago landscape inspired D.C.: Daniel Burnham and his design team from the World's Columbian Exposition came together again to remake the National Mall. By Blair Kamin- Chicago Tribune](#)

[Barack Obama and the architecture of hope: Washington DC's great public space, the Mall, is the perfect backdrop for the inauguration of a unique president...how did the American capital come to have such a grandiosely cinematic and emotive political park in the middle of it? By Jonathan Jones -- Pierre Charles L'Enfant- Guardian \(UK\)](#)

[Starchitects in big fight over small Andorran art museum: As work dries up, Foster, Hadid, Gehry, Nouvel, and Perrault are shortlisted for project in European microstate...An architectural clash of titans...- Building \(UK\)](#)

[While Everything Else Stops, Green Still Means Go: Despite the economy, investment in short term green initiatives is still going strong as companies realize how quickly they can cut costs through efficiency projects...bad economy is also a great time to plan for future green initiatives...- GreenBiz](#)

[Downturn will hit green gains in housing: Recession is already leading to reduced demand for sustainability in housing, reveals survey...But the mood was brighter in terms of aspiration...- Building \(UK\)](#)

[Lessons From L.A.: I may have glimpsed the Washington region's future -- I spent five days in sprawling, traffic-choked Los Angeles...if Los Angeles is predictive of Washington's fate, we should be worried. And we should learn the lessons it teaches. By Roger K. Lewis - Washington Post](#)

[City unveils Coney Island revival plan: 'Wonder Wheel Way' to connect three iconic rides...rezoning plan aims to rehab Brooklyn's crumbling amusement hub with a kaleidoscope of rides, shops and residential towers...Not everyone is in favor of the retail and residential growth.- NY Daily News](#)

[Show Down at the Coney Corral: ...community proposals are certainly worth checking out. -- Municipal Art Society; W Architecture; Fred Schwartz \[images, links\]- The Architect's Newspaper](#)

[Is Your City Boring? Make It Wild: Two of Vancouver's smartest young architects have something ferociously ambitious in mind...transform cities into literal urban jungles. -- Mari Fujita; Matthew Soules; EcoMetropolitanism/EcoMet \[slide show, links\]- The Tyee \(Vancouver\)](#)

[New Life for Old Buildings: Think of it as the ultimate in recycling -- recasting old buildings in new green roles. Kirsten Ritchie, director of sustainable design with Gensler talks to GreenBiz Radio about the practice of adaptive reuse \[transcript + audio\]- GreenBiz](#)

[Brooklyn Academy of Music Thinks Big, Despite All: Even as cultural organizations across the city are contracting in a grim economic climate, BAM has embarked on a \\$300 million expansion effort. By Robin Pogrebin -- H3 Hardy Collaboration Architecture- New York Times](#)

[Visitor Center for Blue Ridge Parkway Lands a LEED Gold Rating: The Destination Center...exceeds the standard for high energy efficiency. -- Lord, Aeck & Sargent \[images\]- GreenerBuildings.com](#)

[Scotland's Pavilion at Kolkata Book Fair to be designed in India: Graeme Massie Architects originally won an open design competition...significant changes to the original design were proposed and these were deemed unacceptable to \[the architects\].- ScottishArchitecture.com](#)

[Renzo Piano due in Malta next month: ...a reconnaissance visit to Valletta...he first time...since it was announced in December that he was back in business to take on the €80 million project that incorporates the rebuilding of City Gate and the Opera House ruins.- Times of Malta](#)

[Modern on the inside: ...though the young architect's work doesn't look quite like Kuwabara Payne McKenna Blumberg's \(KPMB\), her spare yet warm modernism definitely comes from the same contemporary Toronto school...a showcase of what good architecture can do for the city...and the coolest apartment on the block. -- Heather Dubbeldam/Dubbeldam Design Architects \[slide show\]- Globe and Mail \(Canada\)](#)

['Green' building is bright and beautiful: Genzyme Center wins annual Parker Medal...I've always thought Genzyme was marvelous, probably the best office space ever created in or near Boston. By Robert Campbell -- Stefan Behnisch; Next Phase Studios- Boston Globe](#)

[50 years of Wayland High School: ...six buildings that captured the imagination of an entire country, and came to symbolize a revolution in school architecture and American educational philosophy. -- Walter Gropius/The Architects Collaborative- Wicked Local Wayland \(Massachusetts\)](#)

[The Rabbi's Son Who Built Detroit: The Other Kahn...Albert Kahn is America's forgotten architect...just before the Great Depression, Kahn built the most opulent of Detroit's new corporate skyscrapers...Today, Detroit is rediscovering Albert Kahn, and it is time for the rest of the country to follow. \[slide show\]- The Forward \(NY\)](#)

[University of Arkansas names School of Architecture after the late architect E. Fay Jones...will celebrate its new name with a series of events April 3-5.- Arkansas Democrat-Gazette](#)

[Community Building: A new community center re-imagines public architecture and what civic buildings represent. -- George Ranalli, Architect \[images\]- ArchNewsNow](#)



[Jean Nouvel: DR Concert Hall, Copenhagen, Denmark](#)

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